

Dr. Steele,

The Kansas Psychological Association (KPA) is writing to encourage the BSRB to consider making diversity/cultural competency CEU's required for psychologists licensed at the LP level. At this time 3 hours of Ethics CEUS and 6 hours of diagnosis and treatment are required and our recommendation is 3 hours of diversity/cultural competency be required as well. Arizona, Connecticut, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Rhode Island and Texas are some of the states that require psychologists to take CEUS focused on diversity and cultural competency. We believe Kansas should join the list, as KPA remains committed to our values of diversity, equity and inclusion and believe the BSRB shares that value. We want to support a specific focus on ensuring our licensed psychologists in the state prioritize continuing educational opportunities around diversity, equity and inclusion. This requirement would help licensed psychologists meet the guidelines APA has outlined for providing psychological services to Ethnic, Linguistic and Culturally Diverse populations:
<https://www.apa.org/pi/oema/resources/policy/provider-guidelines>

Please let us know how we can further advocate for implementation of this requirement. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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